



Director's Corner

RECENTLY I attended a dinner at the College of Mt. St. Joseph to hear a long-time friend of Springer, Dr. Sylvia Richardson speak. Attending the meeting were two Springer alumnae whom I had not seen for a number of years. What a nice reunion we had, trying to catch up on the news and happenings of these lovely young women since their graduation from school. I have two success stories to share. Upon graduation from high school, one young woman went on to college and is now a certified learning disabilities teacher in one of our area high schools. The other is a child care worker in a day nursery. Each has sought diverse but personally fulfilling careers. Isn't it interesting that their career choices have lead them to work with children? I would like to believe that our teachers may have touched their lives in some small way when they were children, and that now, as adults, they are sharing with other children the love and support they received.

The success stories of our alumni help us all at Springer to be cognizant of the tremendous responsibility that is placed upon the staff and parents of our children. The gratification from our work is not immediate but comes far down the road when we meet graduates such as I have just described.

If there are other alumni who want to share their stories with us, we would like to hear from you. Please drop us a line or, better yet, drop in and visit us. Our doors are always open.

Sr. Marianne

Playground and Science Lab Among Gifts to Springer

A GENEROUS grant from the Holley Foundation has made possible the new playground now being enjoyed by Springer children. The sturdy equipment gets an enthusiastic workout, and so do the children.

A substantial gift from the John S. Swift Co. Charitable Trust will equip Springer's science room. The new science room will honor the memory of W. G. Vollmer, Jr., whose grandson, Robert Conner, is a Springer student.

Through the diligent efforts of JAN HARBOLT and CHRIS HAYWARD, members of the Seven Hills Schools faculty, grants have been secured from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation which will make it possible to continue the joint art program begun last year and to develop additional resources and help refine the art program at Springer. Seven Hills staff and students will again be working directly with Springer students to enrich the opportunities in art.

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Welcome Aboard

SPRINGER HAS five new members of the Board of Trustees this year. They are DAVID HALL, Eagle Pitcher, DIANE STRICKLIN, Burke Marketing, RICHARD GEIER, Spectrum Securities., ROBERT STIX, U. S. Shoe, and JAMES MCINTYRE, Kroger.

BILL SCHNEEBECK (far right) continues as board president, and MICHAEL KEATING, vice president, will continue to head the Annual Fund Drive. The directors have announced a goal of \$100,000 for the Drive, which is now in progress.



All of us join in wishing you

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the coming year





Principal's Corner

A GOAL we hold for all of our children is the ability to read with accuracy, understanding, and pleasure. When traditional instruction is ineffective in helping students acquire the skills, we turn with caution to other methods. This year 14 students are receiving instruction in a learning strategy titled Multi Pass. It is a technique that trains the student to pass through textbook assignments multiple times, each time for a different purpose. The final outcome goals are that they have comprehended the information for detail, scope, and relationship to other materials they are learning. We are carefully excited by this and are working with Dr. Ronald Deshler, of the University of Kansas, as a consultant. Dr. Deshler has refined the strategy and, with many graduate students, conducted research that provides a scientific base for this project. It is an exciting project, and our goal is to give the students the tools to succeed with reading assignments in secondary schools.

Overheard at the Start of a New School Year

A six-year-old boy: "My name isn't Bill; it's Martin." When questioned by the teacher, he stated: "It's a new school, so I begin as a new boy. I've changed my name."

A nine-year-old girl: "I thought I wouldn't like being the only girl in my room, but it's O.K. The boys treat me like I'm a boy. It's nice."

A thirteen-year-old boy: "How hot does it have to be before we can wear shorts? Can the girls wear them, too?"

A veteran nine-year-old girl to a six-year-old at lunch time: "Tomorrow you will be happier. And maybe next week we'll have Hot Dog Day for lunch."

And finally, a second-year principal at the end of the first week: "We have a very different group this year. *They* seem to understand procedures better."

Have a fine year. I know *we* will, as it is such a rich experience to work with developing people.

Norita Aplin

New Faces



Sue Bell



Jill Johnson



Patty Ellsworth



Susan Groene

SUE BELL teaches music at Springer and is particularly interested in exposing children to all aspects of music. A certified learning disabilities and music teacher, Mrs. Bell is a graduate of U.C.'s College Conservatory of Music, where she did both her undergraduate and graduate work. She has taught at the Kentucky School for the Blind, and she did her practice teaching at Springer last year. Mrs. Bell's husband, Charles, is the second french horn with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

PATTY ELLSWORTH is teaching in the upper school. A graduate of the University of Dayton, Mrs. Ellsworth also has a masters degree from U.C. She was a social worker for several years and has taught at Garfield Jr. High School.

SUSAN GROENE taught at Beechwood High School in Fort Mitchell, Ky., before coming to Springer. She has a degree in elementary education and learning disabilities from Bowling Green State University.

Gifts *continued from page 1*

As part of these efforts, a mime troop appeared at Springer this month.

THANKS to NORITA APLIN, a grant from the Ohio Arts Council will provide an Artist in Residence for one week. She will help the children understand the work of a potter. Students will work with the artist to create a piece of pottery for Springer School.

Graduates Move On

SPRINGER'S CLASS OF 1984 has dispersed, moving on to new schools and new educational experiences. At commencement ceremonies in June, BRIE CASTELLINI, TONY, BRYANT, and JOE WENKER spoke to graduates, staff, parents, and friends. Graduates presented Mrs. Aplin with a check for \$201.42, the proceeds of a dance and a movie, to be used toward the purchase of a color television set.

NEXT STEPS for new alumni are new schools and new educational experiences.

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Spotlight On

Kurtzie Gonzalez

SPRINGER'S VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT is on Kurtzie Gonzalez, library volunteer whose efforts during the past six years are apparent in the growth and development of the school's library. Kurtzie keeps on volunteering because, in her words, "Springer needs its volunteers so much, and it's such a neat place to work."

Kurtzie started volunteering in the library when daughter Chris started at Springer in 1979. Chris graduated three years later, but Kurtzie is still at Springer, still in the library, still enthusiastic about her work there.

"The library volunteer had just left, when Chris started at Springer," Kurtzie says, "so I began helping out a half-day a week in 1979." Later she was able to give a full day and, more recently, as her children grew older, "usually a day and a half." Kurtzie supervises the library volunteers, who now number six, and is "very grateful for all the hours that ROCHELLE TITTLE, SUG CLAUDER, BETTY RUNCK, BARBARA FREY, and SUE BRADFORD have put in helping." Each volunteer is on duty at least a half-day a week to help children use the library. Kurtzie also does the book ordering and takes a turn supervising classes in the library. "We've come a long way," Kurtzie says, "and we now can spend a little more time helping children learn to use the library."

Library volunteers try to get the non-readers more interested in books. This year Kurtzie and fellow volunteer

School Happenings

PUTTING THEIR time to good use, students have been quick to take advantage of Springer's new Honor Study Hall, held each morning from 8:10 until 8:25, before classes begin. Students are taking the program seriously and have accepted the responsibilities of the study hall.

SPRINGER HAD a "Ball" for Hallowe'en. Starting with "Pizza Day" for lunch, the activities continued for the afternoon, with games, bobbing for apples, and other fun. JANE WILLIAMS, physical education instructor, organized the event.



Photo by David Gonzalez

Barbara Frey are helping several of the children prepare a dramatization of Dr. Seuss's *Green Eggs and Ham* which has aroused considerable interest.

Kurtzie credits Sue Bradford with "at least half of the success of Springer's library." Sue, she explains, does the cataloging, and until she came "half the books didn't even have cards." Sue and Kurtzie worked together as the library volunteers for the past four years. This year Kurtzie is taking a course in basic library science at Raymond Walters, so that she can "do an even better job."

"I'd love to see more people volunteering; they're really needed — in the library and in the classrooms, there are so many opportunities," says Kurtzie.

Kurtzie and surgeon husband Luis Gonzales have six children. Three are at present living in Houston: Lou Jr. is finishing a residency in medicine at Baylor University, Stephen is an attorney, and Mark is a senior in medical school at the University of Texas. Martha is a student at Ohio State, majoring in dairy farming. Chris, who spent three years at Springer, is a student at Purnell School in New Jersey, and David is at St. Xavier High School.



Springer classes explore language arts

Parent Association News

PRESIDENT OF the Springer Parents' Association this year is CAROL LICHTENBERG. ROCHELLE TITTEL is serving as vice president and MARGARET SCHRIMPF is treasurer. ANN GARBER is program chairman. ELLEN SAENGER will head the Parent Support Group, and ALICE WINTERSHEIMER is head room mother. DEBBIE HAMILTON is in charge of hospitality, and MAUREEN WENKER, is member-at-large.

Bikers Earn Dollars

THE BIKE HIKE in May engaged Springer students in an exercise that raised more than \$3,000 for the school. Sixty students, accompanied by staff and parents, pedaled the Lunken Bike Trail, to raise money from individual sponsors at agreed rates per mile. This popular event will be repeated next May, so get your bike (and yourself) in shape.

Springer at Oktoberfest

SPRINGER'S PEPSI booth at *Oktoberfest Zinzinnati '84* was a super success, thanks to the enthusiastic support of chairmen TOM and CAROL MCTIERNAN. Staff and parents manned the booth, which earned \$2,241.75.

Kidsfest: Fundraiser and Fun

CAROL LICHTENBERG, Parents' Association President, organized the popular face-painting booth at Kidsfest last year which earned \$500 for Springer. Students from St. Ursula Academy painted faces. Parents and staff volunteered to man the game booths.

Kidsfest, sponsored by the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, is held at Sawyer's Point and highlights participation by student in support of their school.

Joyous Junque

KEEP SPRINGER SCHOOL in mind when clearing out your garage and doing your housecleaning. From now until March, Springer's sale committee will be accumulating unwanted items for a mammoth rummage sale. Items will be stored at the school, so drop them off anytime. If you need help getting items to the school, call, in Kentucky, 689-7476 or, in Cincinnati, 248-1837 for pickup.

CONGRATULATIONS to Springer Principal NORITA APLIN whose revised thesis is published this month in the winter issue of "Planning and Change," a publication of the University of Illinois College of Education. The article, entitled "The superintendent as educational leader," is co-authored by Dr. John Daresh of the University of Cincinnati.

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Alumni News

ROSS FRESHWATER ('81-'83) is in the seventh grade at Bethany School. During the summer he went to Camp Energy with several classmates.

JOHN HAMEN ('78-'81), a seventh grader at Hopewell Jr. School in Lakota, is learning scrimshaw, working toward Eagle Scout rank, and planning to attend the Boy Scout Jamboree next summer.

ERIC PORTE ('76-'78), graduated from Roger Bacon High School and is a freshman at Davis Elkins College, where he is on the cross country ski team.

CHRIS GONZALEZ ('79-'82) is attending Purcell School in Pottersville, N.J. Purcell specializes in total-immersion foreign language instruction, and Chris will spend time in Mexico in her junior year and Spain in her senior year.

PAUL MCBREEN ('80-'82) gave the orientation speech for 470 seventh graders at Walnut Hills High School this year. He spoke of the pride of being at Walnut Hills and the need for students to support each other while working toward the goal of graduating in 1990. Paul attended Roselawn College Prep and Park Hills Elementary School in Kentucky, after leaving Springer.

BILL SCHMIDTER ('78-'80) is a senior at Summit Country Day. He spent part of the summer traveling with his family in Europe.

KELLY BOLLMER ('79-'81) is a sophomore at Roger Bacon High School, where he earned letters in football and wrestling last year, as well as the Roger Bacon Spartan Award. He received second honors for three quarters. Kelly spent the summer working at the Cincinnati Zoo.

PETER CHOLAK ('73-'74) is enrolled in a doctoral program in mathematics at the University of Wisconsin. Peter graduated *cum laude* from Union College in June.

TRACY KNEIPP ('70-'72) is a senior in industrial design at UC and is touring Europe.

TED SANDMAN ('77-'79) is an honor roll student at Covington Catholic High School.

QUOTABLE: "A good education is the next best thing to a pushy mother."

Consider a Bequest to Springer Educational Foundation

Your attorney can advise you as to how to do this, but you may find useful the following form which our attorney suggests:

"I give, devise, and bequeath to Springer Educational Foundation, a charitable, non-profit organization located in Cincinnati, Ohio 45208, _____ dollars (\$_____) or _____% of my estate to be used by its Board of Directors in carrying out its objectives and purposes.

Remembrances are always appreciated: a thank you, anniversaries, special occasions, as well as memorials.

Graduates *continued from page 2*

JASON ADAMS and ANDREW REBHUN are attending Wyandot School, Indian Hill. CLIFFORD ASH and NATHAN KOCH are attending Bethany School. SHANNON BALNES attends St. James School.

SHANNON BLANEY attends Elder High School.

TAMMY BORIN is at New Way School in Scottsdale, Arizona.

KEVIN BRUNS attends Turpin High School.

ANTHONY BRYANT entered St. Francis de Sales School.

BRIE CASTELLINI and JOSEPH WENKER attend St. Ursula Villa.

JAMIE GERDSEN is at Doherty School.

EMILE GREENWALD enrolled at Convent of the Visitation School.

TONY GUBSER attends St. William School.

ERIC HAHN and PAUL TENHUNDFELD entered Princeton Jr. High School.

DOUGLAS HOUSTON enrolled at White's Tower Elementary School, Kenton County.

NEAL KIGHTLINGER and DAVID SCHLEGEL are at Marvelwood School, in Cornwall, Conn.

PAULA LEUHRMAN attends McAuley High School.

MARGARET MEYER is at St. Antonius School.

SEAN MITCHELL, SCOTT RAABE, TODD RAMSEY, and GREG REED entered Purcell Marian High School.

PAT NOVACHICH is attending St. Peter and Paul School in Reading.

CHRIS POTTER attends the International School of Brussels, Belgium.

STEVE RAFALO is at the School for Creative and Performing Arts.

PAT RILEY entered Finneytown Jr. H. School.

DAN SANTORO is attending school in Baltimore, Md.

DAVID SHEPHERD is at Landmark School in Prides Crossing, Mass.

SHERRELL SMITH and RHONDA SONDERMAN attend Our Mother of Sorrows School.

PAT THELEN entered Turkeyfoot Jr. High School, Fort Mitchell, Ky.

JON WALSON attends Montfort Heights Elementary School.

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